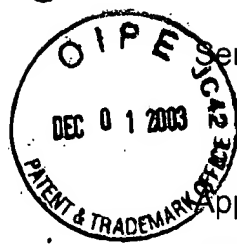


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Under 37 C.F.R. §1.191

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.191, Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Appeals and Interferences from the final rejection of claims 1-3, 5-20, 31, and 32 of the above-referenced application, as set forth in the Office Action mailed July 28, 2003.

A check in the amount of \$330.00 is enclosed to cover the required fee for filing this Notice of Appeal as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(b).

Also submitted herewith is a separate Petition for a one-month extension of time to respond to the final rejection, extending the period of response from October 28, 2003 to November 28, 2003.

Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account
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Respectfully submitted,

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